

**Senate File 2158 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 2158  
BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3028)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the placement of shorthand reporters  
2 in exempt status and to the supervision of the board of  
3 examiners of shorthand reporters.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 602.3101, Code 2016, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. The supreme court shall supervise the  
4 board and may review, approve, modify, or reject any board  
5 action, procedure, or decision. The supreme court may adopt  
6 rules to implement this subsection.

7 Sec. 2. Section 602.3201, Code 2016, is amended to read as  
8 follows:

9 **602.3201 Requirement of certification — use of title —**  
10 **exempt status.**

11 1. A person shall not engage in the profession of shorthand  
12 reporting unless the person is certified pursuant to this  
13 chapter, or otherwise exempted pursuant to section 602.6603,  
14 subsection 4. Only a person who is certified by the board  
15 may assume the title of certified shorthand reporter, or use  
16 the abbreviation C.S.R., or any words, letters, or figures to  
17 indicate that the person is a certified shorthand reporter.

18 2. If a person's certification as a shorthand reporter is  
19 placed in exempt status, the person nonetheless may transcribe  
20 or certify a proceeding the person reported while certified  
21 as an active shorthand reporter. A person transcribing or  
22 certifying a proceeding pursuant to this subsection shall  
23 remain subject to the jurisdiction of the board of examiners  
24 of shorthand reporters.

25 EXPLANATION

26 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
27 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

28 This bill relates to the placement of shorthand reporters in  
29 exempt status and to the supervision of the board of examiners  
30 of shorthand reporters.

31 The bill provides that the supreme court shall supervise the  
32 board of examiners of shorthand reporters and have authority to  
33 review, approve, modify, or reject a board action, procedure,  
34 or decision. The bill also provides that the supreme court  
35 may adopt rules relating to the supervision of the board of

1 examiners of shorthand reporters.

2     The bill provides that if a shorthand reporter's  
3 certification is placed in exempt status, the reporter  
4 may nonetheless transcribe or certify a proceeding that  
5 was reported while the reporter was certified as an active  
6 shorthand reporter. A reporter transcribing or certifying a  
7 proceeding while in exempt status shall remain subject to the  
8 jurisdiction of the board of examiners of shorthand reporters.